

Other embodiments are within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A system for playing a wagering game, comprising:
a wireless gaming device comprising an identification code, entry apparatus for entering wagering information by a player, and a transmitter;
a receiver for receiving the identification code and the wagering information transmitted by the transmitter of the wireless gaming device, the receiver polling the wireless gaming device to determine whether the player has entered wagering information to be transmitted to the receiver.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein the receiver periodically polls the wireless gaming device.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering information relates to a wager request.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering information includes a command.
5. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering information includes data.
6. The system of claim 1 wherein the wagering information comprises a string of characters.
7. The system of claim 6 wherein the characters are hexadecimal digits.
8. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device is a hand-held device.
9. The system of claim 1 wherein the entry apparatus comprises keys.
10. The system of claim 1 wherein the entry apparatus comprises a smart card reader.

11. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device further comprises a wager amount register.
12. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device further comprises an account balance register.
13. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device further comprises a liquid crystal display.
14. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device further comprises a bicolor light emitting diode to indicate separately that the wagering information has been entered by the player and that the wagering information has been transmitted by the transmitter.
15. The system of claim 1 wherein the transmission is by radio frequency signals.
16. The system of claim 1 wherein the transmission is by infrared signals.
17. The system of claim 1 further comprising a processor in communication with the receiver for processing the wagering information transmitted by the wireless gaming device based on the identification code.
18. The system of claim 17 wherein the processor further comprises a database for storing an account of the player.
19. The system of claim 1 wherein the wireless gaming device further comprises an electronically programmable read only memory for storing an identifier corresponding to the identification code.
20. The system of claim 1 further comprising an encryption key to encrypt the identification code and the wagering information prior to transmission and to decrypt the identification code and the wagering information after being received by the receiver.

21. A method of playing a wagering game using a wireless gaming device, comprising:
- providing the wireless gaming device comprising an identification code, entry apparatus for entering wagering information by a player, and a transmitter;
 - entering the wagering information into the entry apparatus;
 - polling the wireless gaming device to determine whether the player has entered wagering information to be transmitted by the transmitter; and
 - transmitting the identification code and the wagering information.
22. The method of claim 21 wherein the wireless gaming device is polled periodically.
23. The method of claim 21 further comprising displaying the wagering information on the wireless gaming device.
24. The method of claim 21 wherein the identification code and the wagering information are transmitted by radio frequency signals.
25. The method of claim 21 wherein the identification code and the wagering information are transmitted by infrared signals.
26. The method of claim 21 further comprising processing the wagering information transmitted by the wireless gaming device based on the identification code.
27. The method of claim 21 further comprising encrypting the identification code and the wagering information prior to transmission.
28. A wireless gaming device for transmitting 2 wagering information to a receiver, comprising:
- a memory for storing an identification code;
 - entry apparatus for entering the wagering information;
 - a transmitter for converting the identification code and the wagering information into a signal for wireless transmission to the receiver, the transmitter

transmitting the signal when the receiver polls the wireless gaming device to determine that the wagering information has entered.

29. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the wireless gaming device is periodically polled by the receiver.

30. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the identification code is stored in the memory in a digital format.

31. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the wireless gaming device is a hand-held device.

32. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the entry apparatus comprises keys.

33. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein, the entry apparatus comprises a smart card reader.

34. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the wireless transmission is by radio frequency signals.

35. The wireless gaming device of claim 28 wherein the wireless transmission is by infrared signals.